

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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hardened fats and oils, waxes, sugar alcohols and starch hydrolyzates against a core substance in a powdery or granular form of 30 to 3000 μm in an average particle size to thereby coat the core substance with 0.05 to 1.5 parts by weight of the coating material per 1 part by weight of the core substance.
